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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Gordon Gray Report to the President

1. Beginning at 2:30 on Friday, 28 March 1952, a conference was held in the office of Mr. Wisner, DD/P, attended by Mr. Wisner, Mr. Joseph Phillips of the State Department, Mr. Allen Dulles (DDCI) for part of the meeting, and myself to discuss what further action was desirable or necessary with respect to the subject report.

you
2. It was agreed by Messrs. Wisner, Dulles and [] that it was not now considered desirable to classify the report; that such classification might be misinterpreted as indicating a desire to suppress it although there was reason for classification because of the classified material contained; that, further, classification of the copies in the possession of the government Agency would not be fully effective since, in all probability, there were copies in Mr. Gray's possession which could not be classified; that, however, because of the sensitive and classified material in the report and the President's opposition to publication, as indicated by Mr. Dulles as a result of his conversation with the President, those in possession of the Gray Report would be asked to handle it with appropriate care.

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done
3. It was further understood as a result of this meeting that Mr. Dulles would communicate with Mr. James Lay to determine the contents of the letter which the President had written to Mr. Gray.

To be done
4. It was further agreed that the members of the Board themselves should consider Mr. Gray's specific recommendations on Page 15 of his report to determine what suggestions should be made to the President as to those recommendations.

To be done - attached
5. It was also agreed that a draft of the proposed reply by Gen. Smith to the President should be submitted to the Ad Hoc Committee for the analysis of this Report.

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6. It was agreed by the conferees that no study of the Report by the Board's staff appeared to be necessary or desirable.

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Special Assistant for
Review and Inspection

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REMARKS: Attached are the minutes of last Friday's meeting on the Gray report plus a draft of a memo from DCI to the President. After such revisions of these papers as you may require, the indicated action is for you: (a) to transmit a copy of each to Mr. Phillips and Gen. Magruder for their concurrence or comment at their earliest convenience; (b) to have telephone calls made to Mr. Staats and Mr. Tracy Barnes on care in handling the report.

I shall be glad to do the latter if you wish. (over)

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In re the memo to the President, I am unhappy at the labored length of the reasons underlying the first conclusion on which a decision has been made - not to publish the report.

One afterthought - The President's decision not to be a candidate does much to clear the atmosphere of any political motivations in the proposed presidential statements. It could be turned into a fine swan song review of the psychological effort made in the implementation of his foreign policy.

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| REMARKS: | | |
| <p>Some of draft report to President is now outdated + it is too long. Suggest short revise. Also please let me have text of Gordon's specific suggestions with your recommendations on each</p> | | |
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